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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS AND "INTERFERENCE"

REF: WARSAW 1521

1. I WAS IMPRESSED BY AMBASSADOR DAVIES' ARGUMENTA-  
TION THAT WE SHOULD STATE SQUARELY THAT HUMAN  
RIGHTS ARE A LEGITIMATE SUBJECT OF INTERNATIONAL  
LAW AND DISCOURSE.  
IN ADDITION TO THE POINTS MADE BY AMBASSADOR DAVIES,  
I WOULD NOTE THAT THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT, IN THE  
SEVENTH PRINCIPLE, FRMLY PUTS THE HUMAN RIGHTS  
QUESTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL AGENDA.

2. AS AMBASSADOR DAVIES ALSO SUGGESTED, THERE ARE  
OTHER CONSIDERATIONS AT PLAY, NOTABLY THE EFFECT THAT  
STRONG PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS HAS  
ON DETENTE AND SPECIFIC EAST-WEST NEGOTIATIONS. THIS  
POINT WAS MADE IN THE NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE BY  
CRAIG R. WHITNEY (DATELINE BONN, MARCH 6) AND WE  
HAVE BEEN HEARING SIMILAR COMMENTS FROM THE ALLIES  
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HERE.

3. I NEVERTHELESS BELIEVE THAT TO SET THE RECORD  
STRAIGHT ON THE LEGAL ASPECT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS  
QUESTION WOULD HAVE A SALUTARY EFFECT ON THINKING  
IN WESTERN CAPITALS. THUS, I RECOMMEND THAT I BE  
AUTHORIZED TO DRAW ON PARAS 3-6 OF AMBASSADOR  
DAVIES' CABLE (WITHOUT REFERRING TO SUGGESTED US  
EFFORTS FOR A COVENANT ON HUMAN RIGHTS) AT THE  
MARCH 8 PERMREPS LUNCH. SUCH A STATEMENT WOULD BE

PARTICULARLY TIMELY IN VIEW OF THE SCHEDULED MARCH 17  
NAC DISCUSSION ON EASTERN EUROPE. REQUEST GUIDANCE.  
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